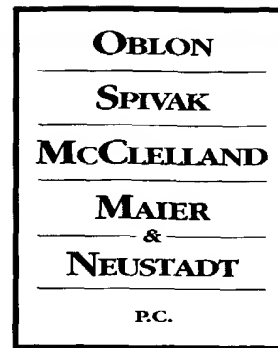




Docket No.: 206523US0PCT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

STEPHEN G. BAXTER
(703) 413-3000
SBAXTER@OBLON.COM

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/807,990
Applicants: Kohki ISHIKAWA, et al.
Filing Date: May 3, 2001
For: VARIANT NUCLEOSIDE-5' PHOSPHATE
PRODUCING ENZYME
Group Art Unit: 1651
Examiner:

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

THIRD REQUEST FOR FIRST OFFICE ACTION (in duplicate)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.
Norman F. Oblon

Stephen G. Baxter

Registration No. 32,884

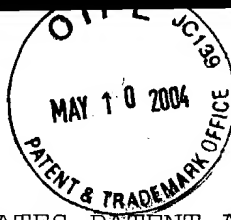
Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Surinder Sachar
Registration No. 34,423

DOCKET NO. 206523US0PCT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Kohki ISHIKAWA, et al.

: GROUP: 1651

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/807,990

FILED: May 03, 2001

FOR: VARIANT NUCLEODIDE-5' PHOSPHATE PRODUCING ENZYME

THIRD REQUEST

STATUS REQUEST

Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

SIR:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to advise the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

A duplicate of this request is enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Stephen G. Baxter
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 32,884



22850

Surinder Sachar
Registration No. 34,423

(703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413-2220